

MURPHY HOUSE

AL-III-C-030

Messick Road, Cumberland
ca. 1850

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INVENTORY FORM FOR STATE HISTORIC SITES SURVEY

1 NAME

HISTORIC

Murphey House

AND/OR COMMON

2 LOCATION

STREET & NUMBER

Messick Road

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

CONGRESSIONAL DISTRICT

Sixth

STATE

Maryland

COUNTY

Allegany

3 CLASSIFICATION

CATEGORY	OWNERSHIP	STATUS	PRESENT USE	
<input type="checkbox"/> DISTRICT	<input type="checkbox"/> PUBLIC	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> OCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSEUM
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> BUILDING(S)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE	<input type="checkbox"/> UNOCCUPIED	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> PARK
<input type="checkbox"/> STRUCTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> BOTH	<input type="checkbox"/> WORK IN PROGRESS	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATIONAL	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> PRIVATE RESIDENCE
<input type="checkbox"/> SITE	PUBLIC ACQUISITION	ACCESSIBLE	<input type="checkbox"/> ENTERTAINMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGIOUS
<input type="checkbox"/> OBJECT	<input type="checkbox"/> IN PROCESS	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: RESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENTIFIC
	<input type="checkbox"/> BEING CONSIDERED	<input type="checkbox"/> YES: UNRESTRICTED	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRIAL	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION
		<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER

4 OWNER OF PROPERTY

NAME

Louise E. & James Murphey

Telephone #: 712-8093

STREET & NUMBER

Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland

☒ VICINITY OF

STATE, zip code

Maryland

5 LOCATION OF LEGAL DESCRIPTIONCOURTHOUSE,
REGISTRY OF DEEDS, ETC.

Allegany County Courthouse

Liber #: 388

Folio #: 265

STREET & NUMBER

30 Washington Street

CITY, TOWN

Cumberland,

STATE

Maryland

6 REPRESENTATION IN EXISTING SURVEYS

TITLE

DATE

☐ FEDERAL ☐ STATE ☐ COUNTY ☐ LOCALDEPOSITORY FOR
SURVEY RECORDS

CITY, TOWN

STATE

7 DESCRIPTION

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CONDITION☐ EXCELLENT☐ GOOD☒ FAIR☐ DETERIORATED☐ RUINS☐ UNEXPOSED**CHECK ONE**☒ UNALTERED☐ ALTERED**CHECK ONE**☒ ORIGINAL SITE☐ MOVED DATE _____

DESCRIBE THE PRESENT AND ORIGINAL (IF KNOWN) PHYSICAL APPEARANCE

The Murphey Brick House is located on the Messick Road, southwest of Cumberland in Allegany County.

The Murphey house is a two story, three bay wide "T" shaped structure. It is constructed of brick laid in American Common Bond and rests on a low stone foundation. The roof is gabled with a soffit and covered with replaced asphalt shingles. Windows in the house consist of double hung pegged wooden sash frames with four over four lights. A three bay end porch with a shed roof covers the main entrance. The porch is supported by double cushioned Roman Doric columns. A second two story porch is located on the southeast side of the building and is supported by chamfered columns and brackets. Small circular ventilators are located in the gable ends of the building. Two original corbeled brick chimneys are located in the inside ends of the house. Entrances are verticle paneled with transom lights.

CONTINUE ON SEPARATE SHEET IF NECESSARY

PERIOD		AREAS OF SIGNIFICANCE -- CHECK AND JUSTIFY BELOW			
<input type="checkbox"/> PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-PREHISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNITY PLANNING	<input type="checkbox"/> LANDSCAPE ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> RELIGION	
1400-1499	<input type="checkbox"/> ARCHEOLOGY-HISTORIC	<input type="checkbox"/> CONSERVATION	<input type="checkbox"/> LAW	<input type="checkbox"/> SCIENCE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1500-1599	<input type="checkbox"/> AGRICULTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> ECONOMICS	<input type="checkbox"/> LITERATURE	<input type="checkbox"/> SCULPTURE	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1600-1699	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ARCHITECTURE	<input type="checkbox"/> EDUCATION	<input type="checkbox"/> MILITARY	<input type="checkbox"/> SOCIAL/HUMANITARIAN	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1700-1799	<input type="checkbox"/> ART	<input type="checkbox"/> ENGINEERING	<input type="checkbox"/> MUSIC	<input type="checkbox"/> THEATER	
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> 1800-1899	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMERCE	<input type="checkbox"/> EXPLORATION/SETTLEMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> PHILOSOPHY	<input type="checkbox"/> TRANSPORTATION	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1900-	<input type="checkbox"/> COMMUNICATIONS	<input type="checkbox"/> INDUSTRY	<input type="checkbox"/> POLITICS/GOVERNMENT	<input type="checkbox"/> OTHER (SPECIFY)	
		<input type="checkbox"/> INVENTION			

SPECIFIC DATES CA. 1850

BUILDER/ARCHITECT

STATEMENT OF SIGNIFICANCE

The Murphy House was constructed in approximately 1850 for the son of Nelson C. Read, a prominent Cumberland businessman. The house is almost identical to one Read had had built for himself less than 150 yards away. Both houses have the spare lines of rural brick architecture just prior to the Civil War. Of special interest are the main doors on both houses which have pointed Gothic Panels, perhaps an indication of the then growing interest in the Gothic Revival.

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9 MAJOR BIBLIOGRAPHICAL REFERENCES

Allegany County Land Records, Cumberland, Maryland

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10 GEOGRAPHICAL DATA

ACREAGE OF NOMINATED PROPERTY 3.20 acres

VERBAL BOUNDARY DESCRIPTION

LIST ALL STATES AND COUNTIES FOR PROPERTIES OVERLAPPING STATE OR COUNTY BOUNDARIES

STATE

COUNTY

STATE

COUNTY

11 FORM PREPARED BY

NAME / TITLE

John Nelson, Joan Baldwin & Steve Beale

ORGANIZATION

Allegany County Historic Sites Survey

DATE

11/5/76

STREET & NUMBER

507 National Highway

TELEPHONE

777-8991

CITY OR TOWN

LaVale,

STATE

Maryland

The Maryland Historic Sites Inventory was officially created by an Act of the Maryland Legislature, to be found in the Annotated Code of Maryland, Article 41, Section 181 KA, 1974 Supplement.

The Survey and Inventory are being prepared for information and record purposes only and do not constitute any infringement of individual property rights.

RETURN TO: Maryland Historical Trust
The Shaw House, 21 State Circle
Annapolis, Maryland 21401
(301) 267-1438

TITLE SEARCH

Murphy House
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Allegany County Deed; Liber 388, Folio 265
grantee: Louise E. & James Murphy
grantor: Pasquale Idoni & Rose Idoni
September 15, 1965
Consideration: \$13,000.00

Allegany County Deed; Liber 212, Folio 462
grantee: Pasquale Idoni
grantor: Domenico M. Packi
November 27, 1946
(Part of the Read Farm #2)

Allegany County Deed; Liber 170, Folio 300
grantee: Domenico M. Packi
grantor: Bessie Gross
January 6, 1934

Allegany County Deed; Liber 110, Folio 135
grantee: Andrew Robertson
grantor: Isaac Hirsch & Ray A. Hirsch
June 1, 1912

Allegany County Deed; Liber 109, Folio 535
grantee: Isaac Hirsch
grantor: Helen H. L. Read, et. al.
March 5, 1912
("Nelson C. Read Farm")

Allegany County Deed; Liber EE, Folio 109
grantee: Nelson C. Read
grantor: William L. Lamar
February 20, 1845
Consideration: \$300.00

INVENTORY NO. AL-III-~~8~~-030

388/265

3.20 A

DATE: 10/13/76

REMODELING: Drastic, moderate, minor

NAME OF PROPERTY: Murphy Reach ~~Scout~~ HouseLOCATION OF PROPERTY: Messick Rd.DIRECTION DWELLING FACES: ~~SE~~ northeastNAME OF OWNER: Louise James Murphy 722-8693ADDRESS: Washington St.
CumberlandSTORIES: 1() 2(☒) 3() 4() 5() 6() BAYS: 1() 2() 3(☒) 4() 5() 6() 7() ()

WINGS, ADDITIONS:

Dwelling Shape: (square, cross, rectangular) "T" shaped

WALL CONSTRUCTION:

- () FRAME: Bevel, clapboard, weatherboard, wood shingles, board & batten (type?)
(☒) BRICK: Bond type- common, English, Flemish. Sketch variants.
() STONE: Bond type- rubble, ashlar (random or regular), quoins-plain, rusticated
() LOG
() Other: Coverings

WALL FEATURES: BELT COURSE, PILASTERS, OTHERS _____

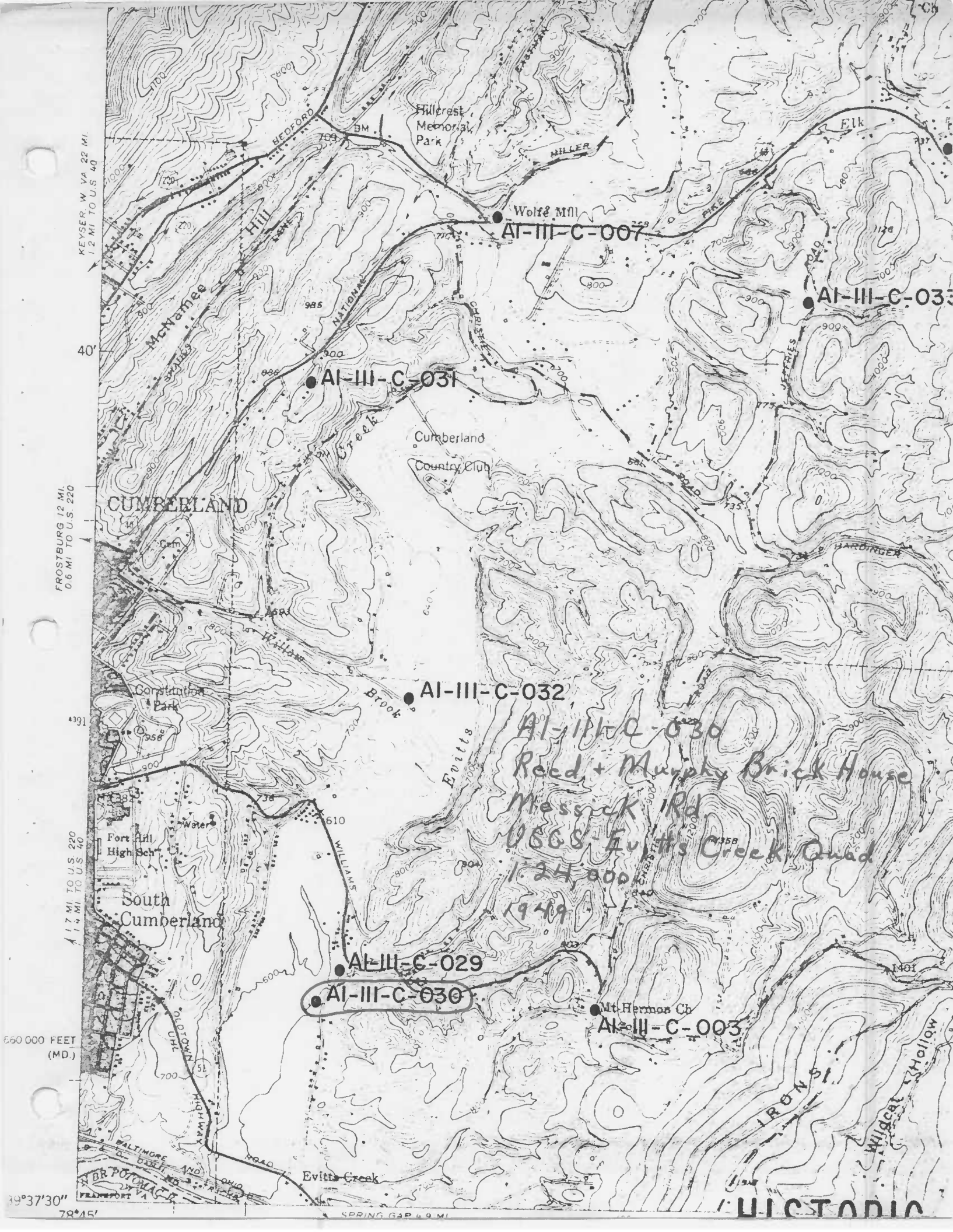
FOUNDATIONS: HIGH, LOW, BRICK, STONE

WATER TABLE: NONE, PLAIN, BEVELED, MOULDED BRICK

WINDOWS, TRIM, SHUTTERS: 1/1() 2/2() 6/6() 9/6() 9/9() other(☒ 4/4)
pegged (☒) nailed() wide() narrow() mitred() pediment()ENTRANCE, DOORS: LOCATION: main faade / 2 under porch
HARDWARE: original(☒) replaced()
FAN LIGHT, TRANSOM, SIDE LIGHTS, PLAIN
Paneled, Verticle, Horizontal BoardsCORNICHE, BARGE, EAVES: (crown, fascia, soffit, bed)
original(☒) replaced() Rafter Ends, Modillions, Dentils, Frieze, ArchitraveROOF: GABLE FRONT, GABLE FLANK, HIP, SHED, MANSARD, GAMBREL, FLAT, DORMERS #
MATERIAL: wood shingles, slate, tin, asphalt original() replaced(☒)PORCHES: SHAPE OF ROOF - shed(☒) hip() gable() enclosed on 2nd floor / Roman Doric on frontCHIMNEYS: NUMBER 2 BRICK(☒) STONE() CORBELLED(☒) original() replaced()
LOCATION: Flush end() Inside end(☒) Outside end() Central() Interior()ARCHES: Door and window: Keystone, Flat, Segmental, Semicircular

COMMENTS:

Use - residenceSignificance - ArchDate Constructed - CA 1850Condition - Fair



KEYSER W VA 22 MI.
1.2 MI TO US 40

FROSTBURG 12 MI.
0.6 MI TO U.S. 220

1.7 MI TO U.S. 220
1.4 MI TO U.S. 40

660 000 FEET
(MD.)

39°37'30"
78°45'

SPRING GAP 4.9 MI

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REED SON'S BRICK HOUSE

MESSICK RD.

JOHN NELSON

10/13/76

Southwest



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Messick Rd.

John Nelson

10/13/76

Northwest